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A STORY OF

SOUTHERN LIFE BEFORE THE WAR.

BY DON CARLOS,
Author of "The Fatal Shot," etc.

CHAPTER II. (CONCLUDED.)

The party then left the filthy den and returned to wait for the evening. Everything was kept quiet, and not a single word was spoken on the subject within hearing of a single individual.

Night came on at last, and a full hour before the appointed time the trio were within the dingy walls of the rag palace.

The old man provided one with a hiding place near the door in a little niche, before which hung two or three dresses entirely concealing the recess.

Another was hidden beneath the counter, and a third stood behind an open door leading into an inner apartment.

A signal was agreed upon to be given by Justin on recognizing the criminals, upon which each man was to present a pistol at the head of each of the guilty pair.

Everything being concluded on, they withdrew to their several places and waited silently the approach of the enemy.

They had not long to wait, for a full half hour before the appointed time, a man boldly entered the office and striding to the counter addressed the Jew:

"Say, look yar, old Judas! Hev yer made up yer miserly old apology for a mind what to give for them ar notes. I haint got time to fool round here. I've got to go to New York ter-morrow mornin'."

"Yesh, my tear, I've made up my mind. I ton't say dey *vas*, but I'm *afraid* dey vas—come by dishonestly."

"*What!* you grey-headed rat, you don't mean ter say as I stole them?"

"Dat's precisely vat I feared. my tear."

"Well, suppose they were, what of it? You can buy them just the same."

"No, my tear; that ish, I couldn't run de risk of paying so much."

"Well, then, what will you give?"

At this instant a chirp, as of a cricket sounded distinctly in the room, and instantly the villain found three pistols levelled at his head, as the key was turned in the door, and Justin's firm voice exclaimed:

"Move a hand to produce a weapon and you shall never stir alive from this spot."

He saw he was fairly overpowered. The detectives then put on the handcuffs, while Justin and Eph covered him with their revolvers.

The detective then searched him and discovered the package of notes worth about ten thousand dollars, together with nearly every cent he had received from the pawn broker. The money was given to the Jew to indemnify him for his loss.

The next thing to discover was the hiding place of the other partner in the crime, and to this purpose the prisoner was questioned.

"Say, boss, if I tell yer whar to find Seth, will yer let me go after yer've snaked him?" he inquired.

"No, but we will agree to have your punishment less than his if we can do so."

"Wall, it's all up with me anyhow, and he put me inter all the danger, and kept all the money. All I had was the notes and the pin and watch, and he kept thirty thousand dollars in clean cash. I don't owe him anything as I knows on, and besides he'd sarve me the same sarse if he was in my pickle. Look yar, Black, yer know that clump of old shanties down near the river on Blank street?"

"Yes."

"Wall, there's our rendezvous, and if yer'll take me down there, yer can nab him."

"Very well. As it is dark, Mr. Harold, no one will notice his handcuffs, and we can proceed without attracting attention. Come on, Reeve, but be careful you do not attempt to escape, for there are three revolvers ready to drop you, or your companions should they attempt a rescue," continued the detective.

"Bless yer, I'd never think of such a thing."

"Well, I have my own ideas on that subject."

"I hopes yer don't doubt my word."

"Not at all, but I don't believe you."

"How did yer git track o' me?"

"You'll hear all about it at your trial, so keep quiet now, or you'll scare the game."

"Well, that's rough, guv'nor, calling a fellar 'game' as if he was a bufferlow."

"Well, that's as it may be; now shut up or I shall have to put something into your mouth you can't swallow."

"Mum's the word."

This threat succeeded in eventually closing the mouth of the prisoner for the remainder of the distance, which however was short, for in a very few minutes they approached the houses spoken of by Reeve.

They consisted of a lot of old tumble down wooden buildings, and had evidently seen better days, for in their decay they bore traces of a former aristocracy.

There were few of them now inhabited, and one in particular, standing alone, with the windows nailed up with boards, bore unmistakable signs of desertion.

It was a large, three story building with the remains of a broad stairway leading to the street. Undoubtedly it had once been occupied by one of the first families of Savannah.

"Thar's the house, guv'nor. It's haunted, so they say, and so none ever goes inter it, and that's just the reason as we took it as our private residence. We haint seen any ghosts or hobgoblins, and the place is quite comfortable like. It's pretty much as old Stanton, the banker, left it years ago. Come in the back way if yer want to be successful."

Passing round the rear of the building, they entered a window and passed into the basement.

Moving noiselessly around they found the staircase and passed up to what was the first floor on the the front side.

The detective kept firm hold of his prisoner all the time, and he guided them into what was formerly the parlor. The carpet was still on the floor, and they passed over it without making the least noise.

Justin lighted a match, and looking about saw a chandelier over his head and he lighted one jet of the gas, which had never been turned off from the building. He turned it on just sufficient to see about.

"This is the reception room, gentlemen," said Reeve, in a whisper. "The next room, formerly the library, is our boudoir, and if Seth is here, he's in there, probably asleep. One of you go into the hall to guard the door there leading into the room, and the others stay here and enter by this. He can't escape by the windows for they are nailed and boarded like these. I hope ye'll git him, for he's—"

The deafening report of a revolver resounded through the house, and Reeve threw up his arms and fell to the floor. Justin turned on the gas, and all looked about them in dismay. No one was visible. No door had moved. All was silent.

They then examined the body of Reeve and found a bullet had penetrated the top of his skull, and passed out under his chin, passing down through his head.

At once realizing it must have come from above, they looked over their heads, and discovered some open work above the chandelier, evidently for ventilation, and under which Reeve was standing.

Eph placed his hand on the wounded man's heart and announced that it had ceased to beat.

"By thunder," said he, "that's expense,time and trouble off our hands, Jus."

Justin took Eph's hand in his, and stretching the other upwards, said, "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, I will repay."

CHAPTER III.

CÆSAR'S REPORT. THE ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC.

"Marse, Marse Just'n, for de Lord's sake, Marse Just'n, I'se got news to tole ye. I's bin down to de office ob de boss ob de verlise, as you tole me to go yarly for news ob de odder fellar, and marse sakes alibe, ef one ob dem ar defectives didn't come in an' tole de boss as how de odder fellar tuk de night 'spress for New York, an' de boss sent me off kitin' to reform ye. An' he wants you to come ober immediate sooner, at oncely."

Such was the message delivered by the negro, Cæsar, to Justin, on the morning of the day following the death of John Reeve.

Justin and Eph had returned to the hotel and retired, while the detective had left orders with the coroner, for the interment of the body of the dead assassin.

Morning came and Justin had nearly completed the process of dressing, when Cæsar burst into his apartment.

Justin translated the message into plain English, and found it amounted to the fact that Seth Peters had taken flight for New York. Knowing there was no other train for six hours, and presuming that the detective had telegraphed in advance of him, he did not hurry in the least, but proceeded quietly with his toilet.

The negro scarcely knew what to make of this, and every few moments would exclaim:—

"By de golly's, Marse Justin, he'll git away shu. We'll nebber git him, nebber."

"Have you seen Eph this morning?" Justin inquired.

"Golly, hour ago, he's read'n' de magazuns in de lib'ry room."

"Has he breakfasted yet?"

"'Spect not."

"Go tell him to wait for me. I will be there presently."

The negro hastened to obey, and Justin soon joined Eph, and together they ate breakfast and proceeded to the chief's office.

They learned nothing new, but in company with Mr. Black they went to the depot to interview the ticket agent. Mr. Black, who was well known to the agent, stated his business, and the agent replied:

"Such a man as you describe purchased a ticket here about half past ten last evening, for New York. I remember him more particularly as no other person was near the window at that time, and he made special inquiries regarding connections, and how long it would take him to reach his destination. He held one hand constantly to the side of his face, as if troubled with a toothache."

"Doubtless to hide the scar he carries on his left cheek and which would betray him otherwise," said Justin. "However, he is undoubtedly the may. He most probably was in the room above us last night, and hearing Reeve's treachery, shot him and escaped before we could reach the room. He then came at once to the depot and took the first through train for New York. Did you telegraph immediately, Mr. Black, on receiving this intelligence this morning?"

"Yes, sir."

"Very well, we have only to wait for the next train to follow."

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How calm and peaceful everything in nature seems. Not a ripple on the placid surface of the water, except where the creamy foam rolls eternally upon the sandy beach.

The sun rises round and red above a vast expanse of sea and throws its welcome light upon an oasis in the desert of the ocean.

A small island scarcely a mile in circumference, rises in the midst of the Pacific ocean to a height of about two hundred feet. The beach is strewn with here and there the cold body of an unfortunate mariner.

And here, what have we here? A negro and a white bending over the body of some friend. They lift him up and carry him to the grassy ground above the beach, and lay him down gently there.

Surely that pale face is familiar. Yes, as we look again it is Justin Harold, and his friends are Eph and Cæsar. But is he alive or dead? Eph places his hand on his heart and exclaims:

"Thunder, 'It beats! He'll live, thank God. Cæsar, he'll live."

"Yes, Marse Eph, I do, I do."

It was some minutes before he gave any further evidence that his body still contained the breath of life, and then it was only by a deep groan.

Even this token was received by the watchers with many hearty thanks.

After much rolling and rubbing he was at length restored to consciousness and stared wildly about him, inquiring as to what was the matter.

They informed him that they had been shipwrecked on an unknown island, but that he musn't talk much until he was stronger.

Eph sent Cæsar on a tour over the island to see if he could discover signs of any other survivors, and then proceeded to build some protection from the sun which began to pour its heated rays upon them.

Justin rapidly recovered, and in a few hours was able to comprehend everything, and to sit up and converse. In the meantime Cæsar returned with the report that he had circled the island and had discovered no live beings, but had seen many dead bodies.

Eph together with the negro's help, built quite a comfortable hut, and when it was completed Justin was able to walk into it without assistance.

"Well, Jus," said Eph, "here we are, and here we are likely to remain, but, by thunder, we might be worse off, that's one consolation. Now there's a fellow, just beyond that neck of land there, as perhaps, is worse off than we are. Then again perhaps, he's in much better circumstances. Nobody knows."

"At any rate he don't create much of a disturbance whatever he is. Cæsar, you and I shall have to resolve ourselves into an entire funeral brigade to-morrow, and constitute coroner, jury, parson, mourners, hearse, horses and drivers, sexton and undertakes, headstone makers, and last but not least, the heirs of the deceased mariners and passengers.

"In the first place we shall have to swim to the neck and see if we can find anything to dig with also whatever else there is of service to us, before the darned old thing goes to everlasting smash.

"Perhaps we'll find some rags to dress up in. I hain't got a thing fit to be seen, unless I'm in it. As far as that goes there ain't nobody to see me that I care particularly for, unless I meet a cannibal, and as I suppose they like their meat well dressed, I shouldn't like to disappoint 'em, What do you say Justin, Don Cæsar Augustus-Vanderdecken, James Henry George Washington Spooner, shall we investigate the craft in company or has your swimming education been neglected along with your book learning?"

"No Marse Eph, I'm a swimmist of de first water. I'se yer man for to tote off de intensils off'n de boat. Ye ought to see me swim at Orleans las presidentious lection. Dare was me and two older fellers wot used to tote wood to de steamers, an' we used to swim cross de sippi and back mos ebery day, jes for exercise.

"Dere's where de good old Judge Harol (bress his good soul, de lor bress him) seed me and buyed me cos he said a niggar as could swim like dat ere desarved to do somefin' better as to tote wood all day. De Lor bress marsa judge," piously exclaimed Cæsar.

"Now that's settled Jus, tell me how it was we happened to track that fellar so slick. Darn it we came off so thundering quick, I didn't hardly know which end I was standing on, my head or my heels. And since we've been on that infernal steam egg shell, I haven't hardly breathed for fear of disturbing the game. Now we've nothing to fear, and time to look about us and think, I'll listen to the story entire, if you've no objections."

"Not the least in the world, Eph. You are already aware that when we arrived in Washington on our way to New York, we received information that a man answering to the description given had purchased a ticket for San Francisco. The despatch sent by Mr. Black on the morning of his discovery that Peters had left Savannah, was interrupted by a broken wire in the woods in Carolina, caused by a tree being thrown across the wires, by a tornado and snapping them.

Men had to be sent many miles to repair, and by the time the message arrived at Washington, Peters had left by the western bound train for Frisco.

He doubtless came towards New York to throw us off the track, intending all the time to strike across to California as quickly as possible.

Fearing this might be a ruse of his, and that he might still intend going east, I sent you alone to New York with orders to put the police on the lookout, and if no signs were discovered, to join me at once in Frisco, where I had proceeded without delay.

He did not enter the city by the cars, as they were well watched, but he was known to be on board at the second station outside the city. Doubtless he left the cars, and either walked in or procured a team, fearing a telegram had preceded him.

Five days afterward you joined me, of course stating that nothing had been seen of him in New York or elsewhere. The next day after your arrival, a detective hastily brought me word that our man had just sailed on the Micargua for the Sandwich Islands.

In ten minutes thereafter we were on the track and arrived at the wharf, and saw the steamer steaming out of the harbor,

Hailing a tug-boat I pointed out the receding steamer and inquired of the Captain if he could overtake her. He replied that he could.

We jumped aboard and put off in pursuit, and overhauled her out eight miles, and went on board and stated we desired passage to Honolulu, There being but few passengers we were accepted, and the tug returned.

After being installed on board, my first duty was to look on the passenger list for the name of our man, but I was not disappointed when I did not find it, for I was certain he would not sign his own name.

Two days out, I discovered my man, and as he had never seen me, and did not know who I was, (having been careful to sign assumed names for each of us,) he did not shun me.

I conversed with him several times, keeping my errand secret, and not desiring to arrest him until our arrival at Honolulu where it would be an easy matter.

Five days out, the storm overtook us and blew for three days, as you are very well aware.

The result you both know, shipwreck, loss of life to many, a desolate island for us with the prospect of remaining here for weeks, months, or forever, for starvation may overtake us at last."

"Well no Jus, I calculate not. We may be obliged to remain here a long time, that's true, but not starvation for there appears to be an abundance of fruit, which we can gather and it will last us a year at the least calculation. No Jus, I calculate we've got a pretty comfortably cushioned seat if we are tied to it. But about that man Peters, what's become of him I wonder?"

"The probability is that as Cæsar could discover no living person, and the island so small, that he was drowned with the rest of the unfortunate passengers. If such proves to be the case our mission is accomplished, and we have been in at the death in both cases. It certainly saves us a great deal of trouble and expense, although I count that as nothing compared to the great satisfaction of bringing the villain to justice."

"Well, Jus, if we find him we'll have a coroner's iaquest and a post mortem examination for what is left of the thirty thousand dollars. Probably he ain't spent more'n two or three on em. Cæsar, what'll we have for supper?"

"Somefin to eat I specs, Marse Eph."

"Well I propose a raid on the hen roosts of the neighborhood, also the fruit trees. Have you seen any fowl, Cæsar?"

"Fowl?"

"Yes, chickens or turkeys."

"No Marse Eph, but I specs dere's a lot ob little coves round dis yer island."

"Coves, Cæsar?"

"Yes, Marse Eph, and I specs dey's habbin a hard time, cos I seed a lot o' big swells a pitchin into 'em."

"Oh! I see ground swells?"

"No, Marse Eph, dey warn't grown swells, deys real brokers."

"Breakers, you mean, Cæsar."

"Say look you white man, what you mean by calling me 'mean Cæsar'?"

"I said you mean breakers, Cæsar."

"Oh, yes I see. Well dey was pretty much broke up anyhow."

"Come now lets reconnoitre and see what we can find to eat. I'm tarnal hungry." Saying which he and the negro started off on a trip to the centre of the island. They were not gone long before they returned laden down with pine apples, cocoanuts, bananas and grapes. Cæsar's face was one board grin, and Eph's did not lack much of it.

They laid their burden down at Justin's feet and stood over it a moment in peaceful contemplation. At the expiration of that time, Cæsar, who could contain himself no longer, exclaimed:

"Marsa Justin, dis yar's de garden ob eben foh de sarpent and Ebe kicked up de hullabaloo. Here's Sham, Ham, and Jaret in it. I don't tink we b'longs here but here we is. Moses! here's de apples an no tellin us we mus'nt touch em. But what's come ob de ole Adam I don' know. Spec's he's tooken his Menagrie to de States for a show, cos I didn't see so much as a mouse, nor a element. From de top ob dat a binnacle I see whar de sky touched de water all roun, an Marse Eph an I tooted wood up dar and made a big pile, cos Marse Eph says as how he's goin to set fire to it to-night for a begum light.

"Sakes alibe! ef dey sees dat at Magnolia Villa dey'll tink as a comet has struck de yarth shur's deff. Wont dey Marse Eph? Nobber seed sich fun."

Eph and Justin were equally delighted with the result of the expedition, and having discovered a spring of pure water near their camp, they repaired to it, and by means of the cocoanut shell, which they formed into cups, they satisfied their thirst.

The supper was a remarkably satisfactory one, and being tired and sleepy, they soon after threw themselves upon a pile of boughs and leaves and went to sleep.

The sea remained perfectly calm during the night, and the wreck was found exactly in the same position as on the previous evening.

Justin was able to accompany the others in search of their breakfast, and was charmed with the resources of the beautiful island. At low tide in the middle of the forenoon, Eph and Cæsar started for the Micargua and arrived safely on her deck. She lay high and dry between to high rocks. They made a raft of whatever timbers they could procure, and loaded it with everything they could recover. The tools for interring the remains of the unfortunate ones were found, and also placed on the raft. Many things of value were found, such as clothing, sails, the carpenters tool chest, cooking untils, chart, maps, nautical instruments, books, and in short many necessary articles, and many they could do without.

Then they floated ashore and unloaded, and fastened their raft that they might use it again in the afternoon.

The party then proceeded on a tour of the island, taking with them shovels and picks.

They had proceded but a short distance when they came upon the dead body of a seaman. They buried him at once, putting a post at his head with his name written thereon.

They proceeded in this manner for some time, burying all they came to, and had nearly circled the island, when in the cleft of a rock the body of one more unfortunate was discovered. His head was thrust down, and his feet protruded from the aperture.

By their united efforts they succeeded in drawing his body upon the rock, and turning it face upward, beheld the visage of the assassin, Seth Peters.

They buried him silently, and after placing his name at his head, Justin spoke silently, as if to himself,—

"Our mission is accomplished. Truly, vengeance is thine—thou hast repaid."

The trio returned to their hut and proceeded with their duties as usual.

They had searched the garments of the dead man, and recovered twenty eight thousand dollars.

It is perhaps unnecessary to narrate in detail the events of the succeding four weeks they remained on the island, for at the expiration of that time they were rescued by a homeward bound vessel which put in there for water.

They returned to Magnolia Villa, but still the gloom cast upon the place by the death of the judge hung about it.

Eph remained as overseer, and Cæsar was his right hand man, still it was a long time before the place resumed its wonted gaiety.

Cæsar would gather a knot of negroes about him at times, and explain how he "help kotch de assassinators ob de good old judge, bress his soul. Also, how he "libed fo' weeks in de garden ob eden, foh de sarpent."

Pomp leans upon his staff as he seats himself upon a bucket to hear the recital, while Pete grabs the gate post and listens with open-mouth astonishment.

The rebellion came and freed the negroes, but Cæsar went to Justin and said—

"Massa Just'n I spec I'se a free man 'cordin to de law ob de lan, but, massa, I'se happy here, an I wants to stay whar I've ben so kin'ly treated. Use yours to-day as much as eber, and I take de ole plantation. Let me stay, massa, an if you want to pay me anything, gib it to de sick an' unfort'nit stead o' me."

It has been very far from my intention to defend slavery in my story, but to give one phase of Southern life before the war, as viewed from the standpoint of non-prejudice, either for or against the laborer northern or southern bondman.

THE END.

MESSRS. E. J. HALE & SON.

The New York *Evening Post* is publishing a series of reminiscences and contemporary sketches of American publishers. The twenty-first paper of the series is devoted to our friends Messrs. E. J. Hale & Son, well and favorably known throughout this State. We regret we have not room to copy the lengthy article alluded to above, and must content ourselves with the following extract:

The house of E. J. Hale & Son is young in New York, although it is one of the oldest of the publishing and book-making firms in the United States. The members of the firm are Edward J. Hale and his son P. M. Hale, who are natives of North Carolina, where they lived until within a few years.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The senior member of the firm established himself in business as a publisher in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on the 1st of January, 1823—just half a century ago, and soon afterwards began to publish books, laying the foundation for what was afterwards one of the largest book-making establishments in the Southern States. The junior member joined the firm in July, 1860, almost a quarter of a century ago. Possessed of a good judgment, remarkable intelligence, industry and integrity of the "old fashioned" sort, they not only built up a reputation, but also a very large and profitable business, considering the obstacles of their location and the few objects which could engage the attention of book-makers. Before the war they had amassed a respectable fortune—one at least which was quite satisfactory to two American gentlemen, until the days of quick money making which came with hostile attitudes of the two sections.

THE FORTUNE OF WAR.

For nearly fifty years the house published a newspaper which had a larger circulation and influence than any in North Carolina, and before the war had become one of the leading, if not the leading newspaper in the Confederate States. In March, 1865, the career of this newspaper was ended. Indeed the whole business of the house in North Carolina was destroyed. The accumulations of a lifetime were swept away in a few hours by the fires that marked the track of General Sherman's "March to the Sea."

The close of the war left the house in straitened circumstances financially, but with the good wishes of "troops of friends." Leaving behind them names which had become household words in North Carolina, and were honored throughout the Southern States. They removed to New York in 1866, taking with them the book branch of their business.

The senior member of the firm is still enjoying good health, and is regularly seen at his desk, while the junior member might be taken for a much younger man than his experience and knowledge of business would lead us to expect.

EXTRAVAGANCE.—There are 10,000 New York ladies whose costumes, when in full dress, cost at least $1,000 each. Fifteen years ago the same number of fashionable ladies would have appeared adorned quite as attractively at an average expense of $250. Ten thousand children under ten years of age are now elaborately and fantastically arrayed at an expense of from $100 to $150 each, while children of wealthy citizens, fifteen years ago, were simply but appropriately attired at an expense of $20 or $25; and it is painful to reflect that in consequence of this lavish expenditure upon a class that never earned a dollar, there are other tens of thousands without employment and suffering for fuel, food, and raiment; and last, though not least, are the millions of gold sunk by Americans who idle away their time and their money in Europe. Ireland is not now the only country demoralized by absenteeism.—*Thurlow Weed.*

As a result of the extreme cold the trunks of many apple trees in Northern New York have cracked open from the roots nearly to the limbs, so that a person may see completely through them.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Supreme court of the United State has recently rendered an important decision in a case which went up from Statesville, in the Western District of North Carolina. Certain creditors of Mr. John R. Alexander, late of this county, finding that his son, T. L. Alexander, and some others had obtained judgment against him in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, which would take all his property to satisfy—filed a petition in bankruptcy against him within four months after the judgment was taken and had him declared a bankrupt. The creditors then elected William P. Little, assignee. His council, Jones & Johnson, filed a bill in equity to have the judgment of T. L. Alexander declared void as against the assignee, and no lien on the property. Judge Dick, of the United State District Court, gave a decree against the assignee, dismissing the bill and the assignee appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, with the result as set forth in the extract below, which is taken from the Washington *Chronicle*:

No. 206. William P. Little, assignee, &c., appellant, vs. T. L. Alexander. Appealed from the Circuit Court of the United States for the western district of North Carolina. Mr. Justice Miller delivered the opinion of the court, reversing the decree of the said circuit Court with cost, and remanding the cause with directions to enter a decree in favor of the plaintiff, that the judgment of T. L. Alexander is void as against the assignee and is no lien on the property of the bankrupt in the hands of his assignee. Mr. Justice Bradley took no part in the decision of this cause.—*Charlotte Observer.*

ADVENTURES OF A STATESVILLE MAN.

The longest route from Raleigh to Statesville, has recently been discovered by a resident of the latter place. He left ye good old town for Raleigh, on business, which, having attended to, he set out to return home. Reaching Salisbury about 3 o'clock in the morning, he got out of the train, half asleep, and bought a ticket up the Western Road to Statesville. Having done this he got right back on the North Carolina train, and did not discover his mistake until after the train had started. He then accepted the situation as best he could, and came on to Charlotte, determined to take the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio train from here that afternoon. But he slipped up in his calculations again, and got left. He had pressing business in Statesville next day, and rather than wait for the next direct train from here, concluded to go around by Salisbury on the North Carolina Railroad and up to Statesville next morning. He went to sleep directly after the train started, and, as it stopped at a station, hearing the cries of porters and the moving of omnibuses, 'he bounced off, to find out, just as the train went off and left him, that he had set himself down at Concord. He stayed there all day, jerking out an oath or two occasionally, and took the next morning's train for Charlotte. Spending the day here, he boarded the Statesville train that afternoon, and finally got home, having been on the way for about 74 hours.—*Charlotte Observer.*

CONVICT LABOR.

We cordially endorse the following suggestions of the Greensboro *Patriot*:

"Many of the States make their penitentiary convicts a source of profit to them instead of a burden, by hiring them out to companies who employ them and become responsible for their care and safe-keeping. Other States, which have not heretofore done so, are now pursuing the same course. The question occurs whether we could not utilize the five hundred convicts within the stockade at Raleigh, which number is constantly increasing, and make them instrumental in completing our unfinished system of internal improvements? Suppose these five hundred were put to work on the Western Extension, how long would it be before the roadbed would be made to Paint Rock? The State could well afford to give this labor, at a reasonable compensation, and take pay therefor in stock. Thus she would be aiding in the prosecution of important enterprises, without any cost to the people, and at the same time save the annual expense of supporting this little army of stall-fed criminals. Kept employed in this way they would cease to be a burden to tax-payers, would prove vastly useful, and in a few years many of the great works in which the people take so much interest, and in which the prosperity of the State is so much involved, might be completed at a comparatively insignificant cost. And then, there will be no need of a great big cut-stone house at Raleigh for which the people, hard pressed as they are, will have to pay hundreds of thousands before it is completed—an item worthy of consideration.

A COLORED MAN SPEAKS OF THE SOUTH.

The following sensible and pointed speech was made a few days ago in the city of New York, by Maj. W. R. Delaney, a colored man from South Carolina, and who was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of that State on the liberal ticket. Delaney says, in speaking of the radical leaders:

"They taught them that whatever was contrary to the interests of their old masters was right. He said knowingly that the class of men who undertook to lead the colored men in general had no interest in either the black or white race of the South. They taught the blacks that they should crush out the whites They made them believe they were representatives of the government sent from Washington to be custodians of their rights, that the white men would reinslave them the moment they put confidence in them. So pushing back the whites on one hand, and the blacks on the other, they plunged their arms to the elbows in the pockets of the blacks, and to the armpits of those of the whites. [Cheers and laughter.] Look at the legislation. The intelligent colored men did not go South. Humble as he was, he found few, if any, of his own status among his race. Look at the taxation and extravagance. The white man is taxed to the last mill, and the black man is unknowingly paying the taxes in lower wages and higher prices. In four years of the government of South Carolina, except some few belonging to the ring, not a single employee of the government, from legislator down, received his pay directly. It was shaved by the money changers at from 25 to 50 per cent. The blacks were taught that Republicans favored and their opponents hated liberty, and it was right to take any advantage of such opponents. Until a year ago all their meetings in the country districts were as organized bodies of armed men. They were taught that democracy meant slavery. Advantage was taken of the great religious element of their nature to make them trust these men.

"The white people of the South were waiting and willing to take the blacks by the hand and go with them in every measure tending to the common good of both. They did not wish them to leave their position, their manhood or their right. He claimed every right for his race that the venerable chairman claimed for the white race. But in giving his race liberty it was no part of the understanding that they should trample on the rights of the whites. And yet these bad men taught the colored men that it was their interest to do so. If the blacks were to continue to be instruments of strife it was their work. He wanted the North to know that there was no animosity between the whites and the blacks of the South. [Cheers] He wanted the people of the North to shape their policy so as to discourage the interference of mischievous political adventurers. The two races must dwell together. They were labor and capital, each necessary to the other, each useless without the other."

STYLISH TURNOUTS IN WASHINGTON.

A Washington correspondent of the Boston *Post* describing a stroll up Pennsylvania avenue, says the display of turnouts is magnificent nowadays. Mrs. Grant is very fond of driving, and may be seen daily in a high park phaeton, the gift of Gen. Butterfield. The President's horses are high spirited animals. When he drives it is generally alone in a buggy. Mrs. Sartoris and Miss Barnes still take occasional airings together, but not as frequently as they did a year ago. Among the most stylish turnouts to be seen these bright days are those of the foreign Ministers. The family of the British Minister are absent, and as Sir Edward Thornton is a great pedestrian, their equipage is no more seen. The Peruvian minister is very wealthy. His handsome young wife and her two step daughters are out on every fine afternoon. They have a close clarence, and also an open carriage for mild and warm weather. The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of War both have blooded Kentucky horses for the family equipage. Mrs. Senator Jones appears in one of the most costly and stylish equipages that the city can boast. Mr. Lata, a real estate agent, drives a pair of Kentucky horses for which he paid a fabulous price. The Secretary of State and wife never make any unnecessary display about anything. The young people prefer driving in phaetons to the more pretentious carriage, or walking for the purpose of meeting the beaux. The daughters of Admiral Porter have a pair of ponies which they drive in a low basket phaeton. Some of the demi-monde also drive themselves in pretty little phaetons.

INTOXICATION.

In no city are the means of intoxication lacking, but New York, of course, provides them on the most gigantic scale. The *Times* gives some startling figures regarding them. The licensed saloons amount in round numbers to 7,000, graded from $250, to $30 fees, each, per annum, and yielding last year a total revenue to the city of $527,380. The average daily receipts to keep up with rents and other heavy expenses cannot be less than $20; probably that is a small average, but it represents a daily total of $140,000 per day paid for drinks. Carrying this through the 365 days that make up the year and the alcoholic aggregate is $51,100,000. But in addition to these saloons, which pay for their privileges, there are at least 2,000 unlicensed saloons in the city which will bring the total expenditure for stimulants up to more than $65,700,000, or a fraction over $60 for every man, woman and child in the metropolis. Of the hundred dollar grade of licenses there are 3,958 which mark the place frequented by the poorer classes in search of spirituous liquor. In addition to these there are 2,058 places that took out ale and beer licenses only at $30 each, and these are the resorts of persons of moderate incomes. It is estimated also that four out of every six dollars wasted in intoxicants come from those who depend upon their daily toil for subsistence.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A ninety-nine years' lease of 220 acres of land in Baltimore, has just elapsed, and Chilcotes are the owners of the fee, while there is every prospect of their getting $80,000,000 in England. The Baltimore property is said to be worth $70,000,000. A family of Chilcotes reside in this county, who are able to trace their ancestry directly back to the Baltimore family. Some of the same family reside in West Virginia. Mr. Watkins James, of this place, has been investigating the subject for Mr. Chilcote, and is of the opinion that there will be little difficulty in establishing their claim to the title. The amount is so large that, however, many heirs there may be, all will receive a handsome amount.—*Shenandoah Herald.*

American energy is accomplishing in a few years what it has taken centuries to perfect in older countries. The number of libraries in the United States containing over one hundred thousand volumes, is six, and there are four others that bid fair to reach this number in a short time. The largest library is that of Congress, which has nearly three hundred thousand volumes. A laudable ambition seems to characterize the management of these public institutions, which cannot fail to reflect credit upon the intelligence of the American people.

A BIT OF FIGURING.—A man who has figured it out says that if the surplus wheat of California, estimated at 600,000 tons, were loaded in cars containing a ton each and started overland, the head of the procession would be entering Boston before the rear had left San Francisco. Or, if the wheat was loaded into ships of 1,000 tons each, it would take 600, and if these ships should sail in a line within sight of each other—say twenty miles apart—they would extend a distance of 12,000 miles, or one-half of the circumference of the globe.

EXTENSION OF UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS IN LONDON.—At the enormous cost of $15,500,000, the Metropolitan Inner Circle Railway Company is busily engaged in carrying out its plans. In addition to the construction of lines, stations, etc., this company is compelled to make an entirely new street, from Frenchcurch street to King William street, and also to widen the streets right and left which branch therefrom. The importance attached to this enterprise may be gathered from the fact that the Metropolitan Board of works and the corporation of the city of London have subscribed the sum of $2,500,000.

Mrs. James K. Polk has presented the Tennessee Historical Society with a pen made from an eagle's quill, dropped by an eagle in Virginia and presented to President Polk in 1845. Mr. Polk signed his first message to Congress with the pen made of this quill, the joint resolution of Congress for the admission of the State of Texas; the law to extend the laws of the United States over the State of Texas; the act "reducing the duty on imports and for other purposes," and the treaty of peace with Mexico. July 4, 1848.

THE ADDITIONAL TAX ON TOBACCO.—WASHINGTON, March 17.—In reply to a letter from Gov. Bagley, of Michigan, Commissioner Douglas says that the law increasing the tax on tobacco took effect from the first moment of March 3, and that all tobacco, cigars and cigarettes sold or removed on the third day of March, as well as those sold and removed subsequently, must be taxed at the new rates, that when stamps of the old issue have been affixed since midnight of the second day of March, even if the goods have been sold and delivered, they must be reported to the collector in order that the additional tax may be assessed.

IMPORTANT REVENUE NOTICE.—Collector Young, of Raleigh, is daily mailing to hundreds of dealers in this district, who are liable to pay a special tax to the government, a blank form, No. 11, to be filled by them and sworn to before either a deputy collector or justice of the peace, and returned with the money prior to the first day of May. All persons failing to secure the license prior to May 1st, will lay themselves liable to prosecution in the courts besides paying a penalty. Let all look out and not fall in the clutches of the United States Courts and Revenue officers.—*Raleigh Sentinel.*

Mr. J. B. Phillips, of Ohio, has sent notice to the managers of the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition that he will exhibit a mammoth cheese, nine feet in diameter, eight feet in height, and weighing 29,000 pounds. The milk of 50,000 cows will be devoted to it daily till it is finished.

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TROUBLE WITH MEXICO.—Washington dispatches indicate that the U. S. Government is contemplating a change of policy in dealing with the Mexican Government on the questions presented by the raids of Mexican citizens into Texas. It is semi-officially stated that the President is about to demand reparation in money for the loss of life and injury of property incident to the depredations of which Gov. Coke of Texas, has made such earnest complaint. The movements of troops, ordered or foreshadowed, show also that the Texan frontier is to be better protected than heretofore, if indeed our lines are not extended into Mexican territory of Texas.

BETTER FEELING.—The exchange of fraternal courtesies between the Northern and Southern Methodist ministers and churches recently, in Louisville, Ky., may be an indication of returning good feeling between two very important branches of a great denomination of christians, long divided by differnce of political opinion.

When, fortunately, the churches of the country are no longer kept apart by sectional lines, the principal occupation of the politicians at this day and time will be materially interfered with, and it will not be so easy for politicians to keep up the excitement at the polls on dead and buried issues.

In eighty-five years from 1789 to 1874—the Federal Government has collected in taxes $6,000,000,000. The extraordinary part of the figures is that considerable more than one-half of the sum namely $3,400,000,000, has been collected since the late war closed. The Philadelphia *Enquirer* (Republican) cannot exactly understand how such things can be, and "not overcome us like a summer's cloud;" especially since the national debt is about the same as it was in 1866, and that debt is $700,000,000 less than the sum collected in taxes.

THE RAILROAD GAUGE MATTER.

Gov. Brogden in the field—His Letter to the Solicitors.—The Governor has made a move in the gauge matter. He has sent the following letter to the Solicitors of the 7th, 8th and 9th Judicial Districts:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
RALEIGH, March 30, 1875.

SIR:—I transmit herewith a certified copy of a law passed by the General Assembly at its late session entitled "An act in relation to changing gauge of railroads," ratified the 15th of March, 1875, and you are respectfully and earnestly requested to exercise due diligence in prosecuting and bringing to trial any President, Director, Secretary and Treasurer, or any other officer, servant or employee who has either directly or indirectly advised, aided, encouraged or assisted in any manner whatever in changing the gauge of any part of the North Carolina Railroad, or what is commonly called the "North Carolina Division of the Richmond & Danville Railroad."

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
C. H. BROGDEN, Governor.

To F. N. Strudwick, Esq., Solicitor 7th Judicial District; Jos. Dobson, Esq., Solicitor 8th Judicial District; W. J. Montgomery, Esq., Solicitor 9th Judicial District.

THE TEXAN TROUBLES.

The following despatch to the President from the Governor of Texas, shows the existing state of affairs in Texas in its proper light:

AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 30.

His Excellency, U. S. Grant, President of the United States:

SIR:—The depredations of organized bands of robbers from the Republic of Mexico have, of late increased in frequency and atrocity to an extent which threatens the depopulation of the lower Rio Grande country. The alarm in the country between the Nueces and Rio Grande consequent upon these raids, in which our people are ruthlessly murdered and their property forcibly taken by these foreign desperadoes, is wide spread, and unless relieved by some assurance of protection must result in a general break up of the settlements. On the 26th of this month a large party of these robbers penetrated the interior as far as within 18 miles of Corpus Christi, robbing stores and ranches and murdering and capturing citizens and capturing and destroying the United States mails. I appeal to your Excellency for protection for the people of that country against these invasions of outlaws from Mexico, since they have been of almost weekly occurrence for several months past, and are increasing in force and boldness. The citizens of that country have been compelled, for the most part, to move to the towns for protection, and no security exists outside of these corporations for life or property, and the people in the towns even hold themselves in constant readiness for defence. I trust that your Excellency will deem it proper to give security to the people on the Rio Grande border, in view of the assurance I now give you that an extreme necessity exists for it.

Very respectfully,
RICHARD COKE,
Governor of Texas.

The Secretary of War sent the following answer:

WASHINGTON, March 31.

To the Governor of Texas:

The President being absent, your telegram has been sent to me. Orders will be given to the military authorities to take immediate steps towards the protection of the people of Texas on the Mexican frontier.

WM. W. BELKNAP,
Secretary of War.

THE TREASURY.—The gold necessities of the treasury for the next three months are $76,000,000. Of this $44,000,000 are for interest on the public debt, $20,000,000 for called bonds for the sinking fund, and 20,000,000 for diplomatic service and for foreign services of the navy. To meet this, the treasury now has $56,000,000. Three months remain to obtain the remaining $20,000,000. The estimates for receipts for that period are $10,000,000. Of this $76,000,000, a large sum will go abroad.

ELECTIONS.—On Monday elections were held in Connecticut and Michigan, and in Rhode Island on Wednesday. The most important is that in Connecticut, as it involves the choice of four members of Congress and State officers.

Martin Casstevens, convicted of robbing the mail in Grayson, Va., has been sentenced to four years in the Albany penitentiary.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION
OF THE
MECKLENBURG
Declaration of Independence.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present in Charlotte on the 20th of May, to participate in the North Carolina Centennial Celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

We have received the following Circular, accompanied with a subscription paper, and we cordially invite all who wish to aid in defraying the expenses of the Centennial Celebration, to call at the Bookstore and enroll their names:

CIRCULAR.

As citizens of the native sod of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, made at Charlotte, North Carolina, on the 20th of May, 1775, which marks a brilliant epoch in our State's history, we appreciate the responsibility devolving upon us, to receive and entertain the multitude of the sons of the State, and visitors, on the approaching Centennial Celebration.

As our fathers, in throwing the gage to the proud monarch of the mother country, relied upon the co-operation of their fellow-citizens in the colonies, to aid in redeeming it, we turn to our fellow-citizens of the State, and our friends in other States, who with us, boast of a common heritage in the renown of a noble ancestry, and invoke your aid to make the 100th natal day of liberty in our great country, an historical event.

Believing that the citizens of your section will consider it a privilege to contribute to the commemoration of this kindling of the first fire of liberty on American soil, as well as to participate with us in the enjoyments of the occasion, and to the rearing of a suitable monument on the spot, rendered sacred to every North Carolinian, upon which our Declaration was issued, we ask you to afford them an opportunity by circulating lists for subscription in such manner as you deem best, and that you will collect such amounts as it may be the pleasure of the people to give, and forward it to J. C. Burroughs, Esq., Treasurer of the Centennial Association, Charlotte, N. C.

JOHN A. YOUNG, *Chairman.*
CHAS R. JONES,
F. A. McNINCH,
A. MACAULEY,
S. P. SMITH,
D. G. MAXWELL,
J. W. WADSWORTH,
Committee.

The following is the PROGRAMME:

One hundred guns, at sunrise, and ringing of city bells, under charge of the Artillery Committee.

To march at 10 o'clock, a. m., Grand Procession, through the principal streets of the city, under charge of Chief Marshal and thirty Assistant Marshals, as follows:

Military Companies.
Fire Companies.
Masonic Lodges.
Odd Fellows.
Knights of Pythias.
Good Templars.
Patrons of Husbandry.
County Organizations.
Other Associations of City, County, State and Citizens.
Press Organizations.
Various Centennial Committees.

Accompanied by Various Bands of Music, and their own Special Banners, Emblems and Insignia.

The procession will be formed in the following order:

Military Companies on both sides of South Tryon Street, right front resting in front of Central Hotel.

Fire Companies on West Trade street and on Church street, opposite Fireman's Hall.

Grand Lodges, County Organizations, other city, county and State Associations, and Citizens' and Press' Organizations, on East Trade street.

Masonic Lodges, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Good Templars, on North Tryon street, from the Square to be followed by Band of Music with Military Company, to be assigned by Chief Marshal as guard of honor or escort.

In carriages, the following: The President of the United States, Governor of Tennessee and Staff, Governors of other States, Governor of North Carolina and Staff, United States Senators, and Supreme and Superior Court Judges of North Carolina, Mayor of the city, and other invited guests, orators and readers, accompanied by committees.

Parade to be through principal streets, to arrive at the Speaking Grounds at 12 o'clock, m. After the various companies and organizations, &c., have been arranged by the Chief Marshal and Assistants, the Centennial will be opened with prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Robt. Hall Morrison, D.D., after which reading of the Declaration of Independence by ———, followed by addresses by ———. After the addresses there will be, at 3 o'clock, p. m., a Grand Barbecue. After which Military and Fire Company display.

At night, at 7 o'clock, p. m., Grand Torch Light Procession with Chinese Lanterns, Emblems, Transparencies, &c., &c. After which addresses will be delivered from the Stand in Independence Square, on the site of the original Declaration of May 20, 1775, corners of Trade and Tryon streets. There will be general illuminations of the houses on principal streets.

The Celebration to conclude with a Grand Pyrotechnic Display, consisting of beautiful Emblems, Figures, Mottoes, &c., &c., appropriate to the occasion, under charge of the Artillery Committee.

The chief Marshal, with thirty Assistant Marshals, to be hereafter announced.

Approved and adopted by Central Executive Committee, March 24, 1875.

March 25, 1875, ratified and adopted by the General Committee of Arrangements.

DR. JOSEPH GRAHAM,
Chairman Executive Committee.
THOS. W. DEWEY,
Secretary Executive Committee.

IMPORTANT SUIT DECIDED.— NEW YORK, March 19.—In the suit of the Western Railroad (in North Carolina) against L. P. Payne, for $480,000 in bonds, the referee has decided in favor of the Railroad Company. Mr. Payne was held in $200,000 bail to give up the bonds, but on consenting to deposit the bonds in the hands of the court, he was released on the nominal bond of $1,000.—*Telegraphic Dispatch.*

The road alluded to above is the one running from Fayetteville in this State towards Raleigh, 42 miles, where it connects with what is known as the "Chatham Railroad" from Raleigh, which is supplied with rolling stock by the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad. Andrew Jackson Jones, as President of the Western Railroad in 1869–70, involved the Road in serious difficulties by squandering the bonds and assets of the Road in various ways, some of which were deposited with L. P. Payne, a broker, who has been embarrassing the road by his pretended claims.—*Charlotte Democrat.*

The very innocent and just act of the North Carolina Legislature in expelling the Atheist, Thorne—"a satchel bearing gentleman" from Pennsylvania—has raised a holy howl among the hypocritical New England fanatics. Thorne writes to the Westchester (Pa.) *Republican*, that "ostensibly I was expelled on account of my religious opinions, but really because I was a Radical Republican."

The fanatical sheet in which this letter is published expresses much sympathy, and says that Thorne is "in all respects a great deal better than a majority of those who have pronounced judgment against him."

Thorne's last statement and the *Republican's* comment are on a level. Both are false. The blackest negro in the Legislature offered the resolution of expulsion. The proof of his Atheism was overwhelming. That the Democrats, with a two-thirds majority in the Legislature, should desire his expulsion on political grounds is absurd.—*Landmark.*

☞ Bankers of Wilmington and Charlotte, have made arrangements to remove their capital to South Carolina, where money is unrestricted.

The United States Senate, which was called into extra session on the 5th of March, consisted of 41 Republicans and 28 Democrats and 5 Independents, which brought things a little more even.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the Constitution does not confer the right of suffrage on any one; and consequently, the right of women to vote is not conceded.

SNOW.—There was snow four inches deep at Ogdensburg, N. Y., on the night of the 2nd inst.

Pork-packing this season has turned out about 1,1000,000,000 pounds of hog in various forms—or 555,000 tons—enough to load 55,500 cars and 3,700 railroad trains. Ten full trains each day the year round would hardly move the meat packed at the west during the last winter.

The Danville *Times* says: our town was enlivened Tuesday by a marriage extraordinary. Mr. Geo. Price, aged, we learn, 78, led to the hymenial altar the young and beautiful Miss Florence Faulkner, aged 19.

THE YELLOW FEVER.—This scourge is prevailing to some extent in Pensacola, and Key West Florida, and Havana. Norfolk has ordered quarantine upon all vessels coming from Galveston, New Orleans, Pensacola, Key West, and West India ports.

MADRID, April 3.—Since the issue of General Caberra's manifesto to the Carlists, 244 officers have left the service of Don Carlos, and have now entered France, and of these, nine are generals. Many others have surrendered to the Alfonzists.

FROM TEXAS.—Col. A. H. Belo, Esq., of the *Galveston News*, informs us that Samuel W. Adams, Esq., (whose name appeared recently in the PRESS as hailing from Nevada, being the greatest herdsman in the world, his cattle numbering 225,000) "resides in Galveston, Texas. The headquarters of his ranche are about 40 miles from Galveston, on the G. H. & H. R. R."

MUTILATED CURRENCY.—The Treasurer of the United States will, in a few days, issue a circular amending the regulations governing the redemption of U. S. currency, so that in cases of mutilation a deduction will be made in proportion to the part missing. In the case of legal tender notes, if less than one tenth of the original notes is missing the mutilation will be disregarded. If one-tenth of the note is missing one-tenth of its face value will be deducted; if more than one-tenth and less than one-fifth is missing one-fifth of the face value will be deducted, and so on, reckoning by tenths; but no note of which less than one-half of the original proportions is presented will be redeemed without evidence that the missing portion is totally destroyed. The same rule will be applied to mutilated fractional currency, with the substitution of one-fifth for one-tenth. The amended regulations will take effect on the 1st of May next, instead of the 1st of April, as originally intended.

TAXATION.—The New York *Tribune* shows that there is no occasion whatever for increased taxation. It claims that the cost of the Government can be reduced $30,000,000 a year just as well as not. The navy cost nearly $10,000,000 more in 1874 than 1871, and about $18,000,000 more than before the war. Here, it thinks, is a chance for a saving of at least $10,000,000. Public buildings and river and harbor improvements are costing $15,000,000 a year against about $1,200,000 in 1860. Here it finds a chance to save another $10,000,000. The rest, it says, could be accomplished by "mustering out a few regiments from the army of incompetent and, too often, unfaithful office holders," and reducing the cost of collecting the revenues and running the various departments of the Government. Then there will be about $50,000 less to pay in interest on the national debt this year than last. The sources of revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, will yield more than for the preceding year; losses from dishonesty should be prevented, and on the whole there may easily be $30,000,000 of surplus revenue to turn over to the sinking fund without any increase of taxation.

THE GRANGE.—It is now hardly more than six years since the first grange was established in the United States. Its growth since then has been almost unprecedented. In January, 1869, there were ten granges; one in Pennsylvania, one in Ohio, one in Illinois, one in New York, and six in Minnesota. In 1870 that number had increased to thirty-eight, and the following year to one hundred and twenty-five. The grand popularity of the movement did not begin until 1873, when the first session of the National Grange was held at Washington, at which nineteen granges were represented. At the next meeting of the National Grange, at St. Louis, in 1874, there were 10,000 granges reported, with 90,000 members. The present body represents 22,000 subordinate granges, with an estimated membership of 1,500,000, including women. As to the financial status of the order, it is claimed that the assets of the order, in cash and government bonds, considerably exceed $200,000.—*Exchange.*

☞ The last chance to get the Benbow House or some other large gift for two dollars and fifty cents! The drawing of the Grand Gift Concert, in Greensboro, N. C., has been deferred until April 19th, when it will, without any further delay, be proceeded with. Those wishing to invest can do so by sending to the Manager, C. P. Menderhall, box 8, Greensboro, N. C., or of the agents at different places.

POSITIVELY THE LAST POSTPONEMENT.—The Concert and Grand Distribution of $250,000 in Gifts will positively take place Monday, May 31st, 1875, or the

MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.

The Texas Gift Concert Association, in aid of public improvements in the city of Denison, Texas, stands to-day the first and foremost of such enterprises. Its managers are men of characteristic energy and enterprise, and have the unqualified endorsement of the best citizens of Denison, and Texas. Their list of gifts to be distributed is unequalled. $200,000 in cash, and $50,000 in valuable improved real estate, will be distributed Their capital gift is $50,000, cash. This is most emphatically an enterprise for the people. Tickets are put at the low price of one dollar to allow all an apportunity to take a share in this Texas "Bonanza." The time is short. Send in your orders for tickets at once, so the numbers may be carefully registered. If you cannot buy of a local agent send orders direct, or send for special rates to clubs. See advertisement in another column.

GET THE LATEST FASHIONS!—Great changes—beautiful designs are just out. "Smith's Illustrated Pattern Bazaar" is just out. and it is full of the most brilliant illustrations of imported Paris and Vienna styles. As Smith's is the acknowledged "authority" upon everything relating to styles, those of our readers who have not subscribed for it ought to at once while they can do so, and get the large premium now offered. Send only one dollar and ten cents to A. BURDETTE SMITH, 914 Broadway, New York City, and he will mail his "Bazaar" to you for one year without any postage, and give you One Dollar's worth of such patterns as you wish to select from his book, FREE, as your premium, or he will give you your choice of one of his beautiful chromos.

Smith's Bazaar is worth much more than he asks for it without the premium he offers.

STATE ITEMS.

The Statesville *American* learns that a man by the name of John Ray, of Wilkes county, on last Saturday a week, was shot by a man named Cheatham, and died of the wound Sunday morning. Cheatham was aided and abetted by a man named Ball, who has since been arrested. Cheatham made his escape. Ray had been aiding Church, a Deputy Marshal, in arresting illicit distillers, which led to the murder. The deceased leaves a wife and children.

OFFICERS OF STATE INSTITUTIONS.—The following appointments by the Governor were confined by the Senate during its executive session before adjourning:

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution.—John Nichols, Esq., Principal. Directors—Messrs. Rufus S. Tucker, Albert Johnson, James J. Nowell, Jno. W. Cole and Chas. D. Heartt.

Insane Asylum.—The following persons were confirmed to fill vacances on the Board of Directors: Messrs. F. H. Cameron, C. H. Thomas and B. F. Arrington.

Penitentiary.—Messrs. Jacob Allen, J. M. Coffin, J. M. Pou, John C. Rodes and D. M. Furches.

Keeper of the Capitol.—Mr. Henry M. Miller.

State Librarian.—Thomas R. Purnell.

Several of the appointments of the Governor were not confirmed by the Senate, but it is understood that the Governor will reappoint the persons thus rejected.—*News.*

From the Supreme Court decisions we notice that Owens, who killed Cheek, in Gaston county, is to be hung, as the decision of Lincoln Court has been confirmed.

We learn from the Charlotte *Observer* that some days ago in Wilkes county a dreadful catastrophe occurred in the family of William Church. It seems that he was engaged at work a short distance from his home, and that his wife went to carry him his supper, locking three children, aged respectively 4, 6 and 8 years, in the house, the lock (a padlock) being on the outside. When she returned at 10 o'clock, all had been totally destroyed by fire. The children were burned to ashes, and none of them were recognizable.

The Charlotte *Southern Home* says: Dr. Cyrus Alexander, of Cabarrus, is a grandson of Abram Alexander, President of the Mecklenburg Convention. He is about 75 years old.

Mr. Hyams, the veteran manager of Wallace Bros.' immense root and herb trade at Statesville, is preparing a collection of all the roots, herbs and medicinal plants indigenous to Western North Carolina for exhibition at the American Centennial. The space allotted to him for the display of this collection is 30x200 feet, which he fears will be inadequate. Each plant is displayed on a card board, and shows the different stages of its development from the bud to the fruit. Each card has a tastefully ornamented border made of leaves, seeds, mica, &c.

On the 26th ult., the above firm shipped a valuable lot of roots and herbs to Germany. This is the second shipment in less than a month.—*Statesville Landmark.*

The Raleigh *Era* says that Captain John Etheridge, the member from Dare, appeared in the House one day wearing the coat in which he was married, forty-six years ago. The cloth and work are good, though the cut is not such the tailor of to-day would turn out.

GENERAL NEWS.

RUM, MINISTERS, TOBACCO, AND DOGS.—We invite the attention of thoughtful people to the following very significant, if not at all creditable, national statistics, presented in a late number of the *Southern Presbyterian Review:*

"The Government statistics for 1871 may well cause every honorable man to hang his head with shame, and may well fill every patriot's heart with alarm. They are as follows. Let them be pondered by every lover of his country:

Sal'ries of Ministers of the Gosp'l,	$ 6,000,000
Cost of Dogs	70,000,000
Support of Criminals	12,000,000
Fees of Litigation	35,000,000
Cost of Tobacco and Cigars	610,000,000
Importation of Liquor	50,000,000
Support of Grog-Shops	1,500,000,000
Whole Cost of Liquor	2,200,000,000

And these are the facts in this 'enlightened' nineteenth century and in these United States! One might infer from them that we are fast becoming, if not already, a nation of drunkards. And then consider this country's estimate of the Gospel ministry, the ministers of all denominations costing a sum less by millions than the very dogs of the land!"

EXPENSIVE FUNERAL HONORS.—The Boston *Globe* publishes the official list or all the items of expense incurred in the funeral obsequies of the late Charles Summer, and charged to the State of Massachusetts, some of which seem queer, to say the least. They are truly Eastern in character. For floral decorations $4,158, entertainment of guests $2,000, carriage hire $1,808, use of saddle horses $250, musical services of Clara Louise Kellogg and Adelaide Phillips $400 each, editorial services on memorial volume $1,000. The grand total foots up $29,250,40. When these funeral honors were paid they were represented as the outgushing of the people's sorrow, but the sequel shows that while some may have given expression to genuine heartfelt sorrow, many others made it the occasion for putting money in their pockets.

MORE MAMMOTH FORESTS.—The Tulare *Times* tells of a vast forest of mammoth trees near the Tulare and Fresno county lines, California, which are larger than any of those in the Mariposa and Calaveras regions. This forest extends over a great area of mountainous country, broken by deep canons and intercepted by rising peaks. Thousands of trees may be found there, varying from fifteen to forty feet in diameter, with symmetrical proportions. Clarence King and Bierstadt, the renowned artists, pronounce this region the most romantic, and its mountain scenery the grandest they have ever visited, the mountains of Switzerland and other European countries not excepted. Sawmills are at work in the destruction of these magnificent wonders of the vegetable creation, and the *Times* wisely asks that Congress take some further action to protect and make a reservation for pleasure of these groves.

DEAR DRINKS!—The other day when the Appropriation bill was before the United States Senate, two Senators, favorable to the item making an appropriation of $1,500,000 for building the levees of the Mississippi river, left the chamber for the purpose of taking a drink, and during their absence this item was stricken out, and Louisiana may be considered $50,000,000 worse off. Had either one of them been present, the item would have stood. The New Orleans *Republican* says these are the dearest drinks on record.

When people say 'Oh, the dickens!' 'The dickens it is!' many of them are not aware that Shakspeare wrote 'I cannot tell what the dickens his name is,' a sentence that first gave circulation to the use of the words 'dickens,' and it has been rustling around the English-speaking world for more than 200 years. It occurs in the 'Merry Wives of Windsor,' Act III.

Years ago Clark Mill's equestrian statue of Jackson, which stands opposite the White House in Washington, was publicated for Nashville. That city, however failed to pay for it, and recently the widow of the sculptor offered it to St. Louis for $10,000. Mayor Brown replied that St. Louis should not buy a statuary until it had decent streets to put it in.

THE STATUE OF LEE.—The recumbent figure of Lee, it is said, is visited daily by hundreds of persons in Richmond, all of whom pronounce it Valentine's best work. It will surmount the sarcophagus of Lee at Lexington, but will not be shipped for some time. It will be placed in position next October, when Hon. Jefferson Davis will deliver an oration.

Forty thousand coal miners of Pennsylvania have suspended labor during the last three months rather than yield to a reduction of wages proposed by their employers. The spirit of the contending parties have assumed a threatening aspect, and trouble is apprehended.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!! CLOTHING!!!

NOW IS YOUR TIME TO GET GOOD BARGAINS.

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READY-MADE CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS and GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS AT PRICES TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

☞ **COUNTRY MERCHANTS** would do well to call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere, as we are prepared to SUPPLY THEIR WANTS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Clothing Cut and made to Order a specialty.

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Very beautiful and suited for Presents.

☞ New Styles of Goods received every few days.

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Salem, N. C. Nov 4, 1874 — SOUTH SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE

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Corner of Main and New Shallowford Street.

SALEM, N. C.

WE have just received a large and well selected stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

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GLOVE, FRENCH, CURACOA, KID and SERGE LACED, BUTTON and CONGRESS BOOTS of latest styles and most elaborate finish

These we have of every variety and quality to suit the fancy and purse of our customers.

☞ We would especially invite the attention of the young gentlemen to our stock of handmade goods,—BOOTS, CONGRESS GAITERS, ALEXIS TIES, PRINCE ALBERTS, PRINCE ARTHURS, &c. These we have made to order and of different widths, so that no one need think that they cannot get a fit at the New Shoe Store.

Our commoner grades of shoes are adapted to the wants of all classes of laboring men. Heavy Brogans, Double and Single Sole, Plough Shoes, Alabama Ties, &c., &c.

We cannot enumerate all that we have, but beg that you will all come and examine our stock whether with a view to purchasing or not.

ALL WORK WARRANTED.

R. H. BATTLE, Jr., President. — C. B. ROOT, Vice President.
SEATON GALES, Secretary. — PULASKI COWPER, Supervisor

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Dry Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Sole, Harness and Upper Leather, Iron, Nails, Salt, Fertilizers, Guano, Watt's Plows, Stoves

AND ALL MANNER OF MERCHANDISE.

We have the largest stock of General Merchandise in either town.

TO THE FARMERS OF THIS AND ADJOINING COUNTIES. We wish to inform you that by the last of February we will have in our Warehouses a large stock of Peruvian Guano and Standard Fertilizers. Our extensive acquaintance with manufacturers and manipulators and familiarity with nearly all brands of fertilizers, together with several years practical experience in the sale and use of them, and by strict attention and close observation, we are enabled to select such brands as will be remunerative to the farmer. There are but few who know a fertilizer by its analysis. You have to judge of its real value by the character of the manufacturer and agents who make and sell it, and more particularly by the results of it when applied on a crop. We offer this year the same brands as heretofore and guarantee the standard to be as high or higher than ever. These are old and reliable brands that have stood the test for years and increased in popularity each season and it is with pleasure that we refer you to all who have used them on tobacco and other crops. We buy in large quantities for cash at lowest prices and secure lowest rates of freight and sell for a very small per cent., not half what we can get by selling some brands offered in market. Our stock will be—

No. 1 PERUVIAN GUANO, direct from Peruvian Agents.
"WHANN'S RAW BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE," "PACIFIC GUANO."
"GILHAM'S TOBACCO FERTILIZER," "W. & C. SUPER-PHOSPHATE."

This is our first season here with W. & C. Phosphate.

A large stock now on hand of the best CLOVER SEED, TIMOTHY SEED, and ORCHARD GRASS.

Why do all plow makers try to imitate the "WATT PLOW?" Because it is the BEST PLOW made. We are sole Agents for Forsyth county and always keep a large stock at Manufacturer's prices.

We are agents for "Merchant's and Mechanic's Fire Insurance Company," of Virginia, and Greensboro Cooking Stoves.

We invite all to come and examine our stock and prices.

☞ WE BUY ALL KIND OF PRODUCE. ☜

February 4, 1875.

A. N. ZEVELY,

[Late Assistant Post-Master General.]

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BEFORE THE VARIOUS

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THE undersigned is prepared to make NEW PUMPS, and do GENERAL REPAIRING, such as putting in NEW STOCKS, PLUNGERS, VALVES, &c., at short notice, and upon the most reasonable terms. Orders respectfully solicited.

Agent for the well known "Cucumber Pump."

J. T. PHILLIPS.
Salem Forsyth Co. Sept. 3, 1874. 30-tf

LOCAL ITEMS.

Post Office Directory.

Salem, N. C., Post Office Arrangement.—Office hours from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. during the week. As no mails arrive or depart on Sunday the office will not be open on that day.

TIME OF ARRIVAL AND CLOSING THE MAILS

Railroad, from Greensboro to Salem, closes every day, except Sundays, at 8, a. m.; due every day, except Sunday, by 6.10, p. m.

Mount Airy mail, *via* Old Town, Bethania, Little Yadkin, Tom's Creek and Flat Shoals: closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8½, a. m.; due, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, by 12.30, p. m.

Madison mail, *via* Sedge Garden, Germanton and Walnut Cove, due, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; by 3, p. m.; Closes, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 8 a. m.

Jerusalem mail, *via* Friedberg, Miller's Mill, Elbaville and Fulton: closes every Friday at 7, a. m due, every Saturday, by 7, p. m.

Jonesville mail, *via* Mt. Tabor, Vienna, Red Plains and East Bend: due every Friday, by 7, p. m.; closes every Saturday, at 6, a. m.

Walkertown mail, *via* Salem Chapel, White Road, Belew's Creek Mills and Blakely: closes every Friday, at 4, p. m.; due, every Saturday, by 7, p. m.

Huntsville mail closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8, a. m.; due Tuesday, Thursday an Saturday at 3 p. m.

H. W. SHORE, P. M.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.—At the session of Court on Monday:

Ordered by the Board, that the Trustees of Old Town Township build a new bridge across Muddy Creek, near Old Town, on the Germanton road.

Ordered by the Board, that poll tax be reduced 5 cents on the poll, and 5 cents reduction on the $100 valuation of real and personal property. Therefore,

The tax on the $100 valuation is 35 cents for county purposes. All other subjects of taxation the same as that of the State.

Ordered by the Board, of Commissioners, that the Clerk of this Board notify the Trustees of the several Townships to list the taxes of their respective Townships. Also to notify one Trustee of each Township to meet the Board at Winston, on the 17th of April (inst..) as a county board of Assessors to agree upon some uniform scale of valuatian of both Real and Personal property.

A FINE LOT OF NEW STYLE CALICO, this week.

J. L. FULKERSON.

Salem, N. C. April 1, 1875.

Our office front has been embellished with a new sign, painted in Mr. John A. Vogler's excellent style. It is neat, showy and quite ornamental. We learn that Mr. Vogler is kept busy in this line.

MORE NEW AND BEAUTIFUL DRESS GOODS received this week.

J. L. FULKERSON.

Salem, N. C.. April 1, 1875.

LECTURE.—Dr. Eugene Grissom, Superintendent of our State Asylum, will lecture next Saturday night at the Academy. His subject, "The Illustrious Insane," will be full of interest, as it will embrace reminiscences of many of earth's most noted characters, philosophers, statesmen, kings and poets, whose minds have been tainted with insanity. Peter, the Great, of Russia, Frederick, the Great, of Prussia, George the Third, of England, Joan D'Arc, of France, and others, will be referred to.

YADKIN COUNTY.—We learn that U. S. Revenue officers are after the distillers in Yadkin county, and have destroyed a number of illicit distilleries. We have no particulars.

COUNTY OF FORSYTH CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, APPOINTED BY CENTRAL COMMITTE AT CHARLOTTE:

R. L. Patterson,	H. T. Bahnson,
T. J. Wilson,	Jos. H. Brockon.
H. W. Fries,	E. A. Vogler,
J. W. Alspaugh,	G. M. Mathes,
I. G. Lash,	E. T. Blum,
T. J. Brown.	Jos. Masten.

Committee will please meet at Patterson & Co.'s office, on Thursday evening, April 8th, 1875, at 7½ o'clock, p. m.

R. L. PATTERSON, *Chairman.*

THE LATEST NOVELTY IN SPRING DRESS GOODS, CARRE'-FONDANT PLAIDS, "DUNKIRK SUITINGS," said to be *all the go.*

Just received by J. L. FULKERSON,

Salem, N. C., March 25th, 1874.

Tobacco has declined considerably, and we hardly know what the prospect is for better prices. It is the opinion of some that tobacco is bound to go up again in the course of a few months.

Arrangements are being made for the removal of the remains of the Federal soldiers, who died here in 1865, to the United States Cemetery in Salisbury.

MATELASSE SUITINGS, MANCHESTER BALERNOS, JACQUARDS, BARATHEA, POPLINS, and best BLACK ALPACAS and MOHAIRS, new and cheap, J. L. FULKERSON.

Salem, N. C., March 25th, 1875.

Beautiful spring weather, and warm enough for the season. Buds are pushing in the forest and adorning the trees with the feathery spray of young foliage. The orchards in and around town are beautiful in their full bloom, indicating a good crop of fruit, provided Jack Frost does not show his ugly mug. Mr. E. W. Lineback's peach orchard looks remarkably beautiful.

A report got out one night, a few weeks since, that the watch dogs at Fries' Cotton and Wool Mills were at large upon the streets, which caused several young men to keep their rooms that night, and one young man who carries a six shooter and his grand-father's dirk-cane, was at his girl's house when he heard the report, and when ten o'clock came was taken very sick suddenly, so that the girl's father and her big brother had to help him to his home about three doors away.

BLEACHED MUSLINS, cheaper than they have been in 15 years.

J. L. FULKERSON.

Salem, N. C., March 25th, 1875.

On Saturday last, in self-defence, John Chaffin shot and wounded Jack Powers in such a manner that he breathed his last on Monday, after, however, Robert Fisher had put a load of buck shot into his head to relieve him of his misery. Jack was a fine dog, but was too familiar on a short acquaintance, and his way of inserting teeth didn't suit John.

Monday was a busy day with our merchants, but as fair and warm weather seems to have set in, our country friends will not have much time to spare for shopping for several weeks to come.

Thus far, we learn, the spring trade has opened satisfactorily.

The man who made an April fool of his wife on the 1st inst., is now using Ayer's Hair Invigorater.

R. A. Wommack & Co. offer rare bargains in all grades of Goods.

All-Fool's-Day passed off quietly in this place. A very sensible way of observing it.

The man who drew $100,000 in a Western lottery, and went on after it, wrote home the other day that he'd try and get back by next fall, or sooner, if they raised the price for chopping cord wood where he is at.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—We would direct attention to another candidate for public favor, in Salem, at the old stand of FFOHL & STOCKTON, where EBERT & Co. have just opened an entire new stock of GENERAL MERCHANDISE, as advertised. Mr. E. A. Ebert, managing partner.

Messrs. BRAFMAN & SCHRODER, in Winston, offer a new and full assortment of SPRING and SUMMER CLOTHING, of the latest styles and fashions, wholesale and retail, for whose advertisement see our advertising columns.

M. H. LANGFELD'S mammoth advertisement will be found in another column. Mr. Langfeld offers special bargains.

The steer that was seen flying over the lanes and fields west of town, last week, with a plow and a yelling colored man attached, belongs to Tom Davis. The many friends of Tom will shed a sympathizing tear on learning that the yelling colored citizen was none other but Tom hisse'f.

PETERSON'S LADIES' MAGAZINE.—We are very much pleased to see this magazine again on our table. It is as fresh and bright as ever, the cheapest and one of the best of its kind. The May number is very attractive and in advance of all its cotemporaries. Single copies only two dollars with liberal discounts to clubs.

Address Charles J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

THE AMERICAN FARMER FOR APRIL, contains much matter adapted to our farmers and gardeners. Fertilizers for Spring crops occupy considerable space, and every branch of farm work, trucking, gardening, dairying, &c., has full attention. Live stock, poultry, bees, &c., are also treated upon. Published by Sam'l Sands & Son, Baltimore, at $1.60 a year, or $1.10 to clubs of five or more. Specimen numbers sent free on application.

The Benedict Arnold house at New Haven is being demolished to make room for a neighboring store. It was built between 1650 and 1660, of brick brought from Holland, and was not only once the lodging place of Benedict Arnold, but the scene of his marriage.

A telegram was received at the War Department on March 31st, from the commander of the troops at Key West, Fla. announcing that two cases of yellow fever existed in that place, and that the troops had been moved to another locality beyond the reach of the disease.

There are $19,000 at Liverpool that they don't know what to do with. This sum is the surplus of what was collected to relieve the poor of Chicago on the occasion of the great fire. It is proposed to invest it, and so keep it together "for the next great fire in America."

Since the first of February over thirteen hundred barrels of eggs have been shipped to New York over the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio railroad. These eggs were principally from Southwest Virginia.

France is the greatest wheat producing country in the world. She produced in 1873 the enormous quantity of 332,209,000 bushels. The United States ranks second in this respect, and Russia third.

DIED.

Suddenly, near Clemmonsville, on Saturday last, Mrs. CATHARINE PHILLIPS, relect of Samuel Phillips, aged about 73 years.

Another Candidate FOR PUBLIC FAVOR.

THE UNDERSIGNED having secured the old stand of PFOHL & STOCKTON, have filled it with a very handsome and

Entirely New Stock of

General Merchandise,

CONSISTING OF

Dry Goods,

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,

NOTIONS, GROCERIES, SHOES AND BOOTS, DRUGS, DYE-STUFFS, CROCKERY, HARDWARE, STATIONERY, &c., &c.,

which they offer to the public

AT REDUCED PRICES.

Mr. E. A. EBERT, the managing partner, cordially invites his old customers and friends to call and give our goods an inspection.

EBERT & CO.

Salem, N. C., April 8th, 1875.-14-tf.

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Rates of Subscription in advance:

One copy one year (postage paid,)	$7.00
" " six months, " "	4.00
" " three months," "	2.25
" " one month " "	1.00

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THE MARKETS.

Corrected by R. A. Wommack & Co., Dealer in General Merchandise.

Corn,	95 a 1 00	Salt	1 60 a 0 00
Wheat,	1 30 a 1 40	" American,	0 00
Flour,	3 50 a 4 00	Candles ada.	18 a 20
Meal,	2½ a 3	Oils, Linseed,	0.00 a 1.25
Chop,	2½ a 2½	" Kerosene,	22 a 30
Bacon,	12½ a 00	Sheetings, Fries' B.	8½
Pork,	0 00 a 9 00	" " A	9
Lard,	12½ a 15	Yarn, Fries.	0 00 a 1 25
Eggs,	15 a 00	Iron,	5 a
Molasses,	38 a 50	Nails,	5 a 00
Cheese Fac.	18 a 25	Calf Skins, green,	15 cts.
" Mount.	15 a 20	Tallow,	8 a 10
Butter	25 a 00	Beeswax,	28 a 30
Peas,	1 00 a 00	Clover Seed,	0 00 a 8 00
Apples, green,	75 a 1 00	Home grown;	0.00 a 0.00
dried,	4 a 10	Barrels Flour, Fruit	50
Potatoes, sw.	75 a 80	Brick,	6.00 a 10.00
" irish,	1 25 a 000	Shingles,	
Coffee,	20 a 30	Long leaf pine,	4.50 a 5.50
Sugar,	8 a 15	Hay, per cwt.	60 a 75
" crushed,	15 a 18	Rags,	2½ a 3
Dried peel., peach.,	12½ a 22	Butter Beans,	13
" unpeel ½ "	6 a 8	Dried Cherries	00 to 00
Dried Blackberries,	0		

WINSTON TOBACCO MARKET.

LUGS.—Common,	7 50 to 8 00
Good,	8 50 to 10 00
Bright,	10 00 to 12 50
Fancy Smokers,	16 00 to 22 50
LEAF.—New Common,	8 00 to 10 50
Good,	11 00 to 14 00
Medium Wrappers,	15 00 to 20 00
Yellow "	35 00 to 45 00
Fancy "	45 00 to 60 00
Mahogany medium,	18 00 to 25 00
" good	52 00 to 30 00

Danville Tobacco Market.

Lugs—Very Common,	5.00 to 07.
" Medium,	7.00 to 10.
Fine Smokers,	10.00 to 30.
Leaf—Common,	6.00 to 10.
" Good	10.00 to 12.50
Wrappers—Medium,	20.00 to 3).
" Fine,	4).00 to 50.
" Extra,	70.00 to 80.

Richmond Tobacco Market.

BLACK.

LUGS—Very common	$ 6 00 to 7 50
Medium to good	7 50 to 8 50
Extra	9 00 to 9 50
LEAF—Common	9 50 to 9 60
Medium	10 00 to 11 50
Good	12 00 to 14 00
Fine	14 50 to 15 00
Extra selections	15 50 to 17 00

BRIGHT.

LUGS—Common to Medium	9 00 to 11 00
Good to Fine	12 50 to 20 00
Fine smoking	22 50 to 30 00
Extra smoking	35 00 to 40 00
LEAF—Common to medium	10 00 to 12 00
Good to fine	12 50 to 16 00
Extra fillers	17 00 to 20 00
WRAPPERS—Common	18 00 to 25 00
Medium to good	27 00 to 40 00
Fine	45 00 to 75 00
Extra	80 00 to 000 00

MAHOGANY.

WRAPPERS—Common to medium	15 00 to 20 00
Good to fine	25 00 to 35 00
Extra	40 00 to 60 00

Fayetteville, March. 22.—Bacon 12 a 15; Flour, $5.00 a $5 75; Corn 1 05 a 1 10; Oats 85 a 00; Rye, $1 25; Wheat, $0 00 a $0 00; Lard, 16 a 17; Brandy, $2 00; Whisky, corn, $1 50 a $1 70; rye, a $2 00 a $2 55; Salt $1 50 a 1 60.

Charlotte. April 5.— Bacon 11½ a 12½; Flour, $3 00 a $3 55; Corn, 90 a 0 93; Oats, 70 00; Wheat, $1 25 a $1 50; Brandy, $1 75 a $2.00.

LIST OF LETTERS,

REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE AT SALEM, N C., April 1st, 1875.

LADIES' LIST.

Miss Margaret L. Crouch, Mrs. Margaret Cooper, Mrs. A. E. Harrison, Miss R. H. Harman, Miss Fanny Murphy, Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, Miss C. H. Null, Mary Shore, Miss Eliza J. Thomas.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Henry Albertson, J. W. Branson, G. L. Beck, Ned Clark, (col.) Alexander Davis, Ambrose Elis, W. H. Fidler, D. H. Gruves, Author Gatlin, 2, (care Weber J. Davis,) J. D. Hanes, John Haynes, R. Henry Jones, Gidian Livengood, Wm. Lomax, Abram Lenair, (col.) J. H. Myers, Aquilla Pitts, Dick Reynolds, Rev. Wm. Rawlings, Jos. B. Reich, Wm. Reed, Gedion Shouse, P. S. Torrence, David Tesh, William T. Tysinger, Thomas Vahn, (care Webber & Davis,] John Wade, E. S. White.

H. W. SHORE, P. M.

A FORTUNE FOR $1!

Positively the Last Postponement.

"NOW IS YOUR TIME."

DAME FORTUNE HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.

LEGALLY AUTHORIZED.

THE TEXAS GIFT CONCERT ASSOCIATION,

IN AID OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS.

WILL GIVE A GRAND CONCERT,

MONDAY, MAY 31st, 1875.

And will Distribute to the Ticket Holders

$250,000 IN GIFTS.

The Concert and distribution of Gifts guaranteed to POSITIVELY take place on the above date or the MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.

1st Capital Gift, $50,000.	3d Capital Gift, $15,000.
2d Capital Gift, 25,000.	4th Capital Gift, 10,000.

Besides Gifts in proportion amounting in all to

$250,000.

Distribution to commence immediately after the Concert.

AGENTS WANTED.

LIBERAL COMMISSIONS TO RESPONSIBLE AGENTS.

CLUBS.

Clubs can be organized in localities where we have no local agent, and a prorata division of gifts drawn can be made. Send for special rates to Clubs.

HOW TO REMIT TO US.

Money sent at our risk when sent by Postoffice money order, draft, express or registered letter.

Orders for Tickets sent direct to us promptly filled.

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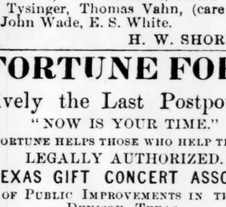

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FORSYTH COUNTY:—IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

E. A. DeSchweinitz, Plaintiff, against Daniel J. Swicegood and Sarah C. Swicegood, Defendants } Summons.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

To the Sheriff of Davidson County,—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Daniel J. Swicegood and Sarah C. Swicegood, the Defendants above named, if they be found within your county, to be and appear before the Judge of our Superior Court, at the court to be held for the county of Forsyth, at the Courthouse in Winston on the 8th Monday after the 3rd Monday of March, 1875, and answer the complaint which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county, within the first three days of the next term thereof, and let the said defendants take notice that if they fail to answer the said complaint within that time, the plaintiff will take judgment against them for the sum of two hundred and ninety eight dollars, with interest thereon from the sixth day of May, 1872, till paid.

Herein fail not, and of this Summons make due return.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 20th day of February, 1875.

C. S. HAUSER,

Clerk of the Superior Court of Forsyth County.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court by affidavit, that the above named Plaintiff has a cause of action against said defendants, and that said defendants are not residents of this State.

It is therefore ordered, that the summons in said case, a copy of which is hereto annexed, be served by publication for six successive weeks in the People's Press, a newspaper published in the town of Salem, in said county.

Said Defendant's are hereby notified that a warrant of attachment was taken out against their estate, at the time of issuing said summons for the claim named therein, and which is due to the Plaintiff by note of defendants, and that said warrant is returnable at the time and place of the summons. At office, at Winston, N. C., March 15th, 1875.

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" Air-line Junction,	9.50 "	9.20 "
" Salisbury,	12.12 A. M.	11.28 "
" Greensboro,	3.35 "	2.16 P. M.
" Danville,	6.20 "	4.48 "
" Dundee,	6.30 "	4.57 "
" Burkville,	11.35 "	9.17 "
Arrive Richmond,	2.22 P. M.	11.49 "

GOING SOUTH.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	EXP'R.
Leave Richmond,	1.38 P. M.	5.08 A. M
" Burkville,	4.41 "	8.25 "
" Dundee,	9.25 "	12.55 P. M.
" Danville,	9.28 "	1.00 "
" Greensboro,	12.40 A. M.	3.37 "
" Salisbury,	3.58 "	6.46 "
" Air-line Junction,	7.05 "	9.30 "
Arrive Charlotte,	7. 10 A. M.	9.35 "

STATIONS.	GOING EAST. MAIL.	GOING WEST MAIL.
Leave Greensboro,	3.35 A. M	Arrive 11.30 P. M
" Comp'y Shops,	5.10 "	Leaves 10.15 "
" Raleigh,	8.48 A. M.	" 5.38 "
Arrive Goldsboro,	11.20 "	" 2.35 P. M

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And say: "You ton't got peesnis here
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'You'll see more fun round here to-night than would lay on a ten acre lot.'

From a closet they brought out a cast-off suit of Brasser's clothes, stuffed it with whatever came handy, tied the mask and an old straw hat on for a head, and while one boy was carefully raising the window the other was tying the clothes-line around the 'man.' The image was lowered down in front of the sitting-room window, lifted up and down once or twice, and old Brasser was heard to leap out of bed with a great jar. He was just beginning to doze when he heard sounds under his window, and his wife suggested that it was a cow in the yard. He got up, pulled the curtain away, and as he beheld a man standing there, he shouted out:

'Great bottles! it's a robber!' and he jumped into bed.

'Theodorius Brasser, are you a fool?' screamed the wife, as he monopolized all the bedclothes to cover up his head.

'Be quiet, you old jade, you!' he whispered; probably he'll go away.'

'Git up, you old coward!' she snapped. 'I'll never live with you another day, if you don't do it!'

Brasser turned up the lamp, sat up in bed and cried out:

'Is that you, boys?'

'Mercy on me! git up!' yelled the wife as the straw man was knocked against the window.

'I'll blow his head off clean as milk!' said Brasser in a loud voice, as he got up. He struck the stove two or three times, upset a chair, and reached behind the bed and drew out an old army musket.

'Now, then, for blood!' he continued as he advanced to the window and lifted the curtain.

The man was there, face close to the glass, and he had such a malignant expression of countenance that Brasser jumped back with a cry of alarm.

"Kill him! Shoot him down, you old noddlehead!" screamed Mrs. Brasser.

"I will—by thunder! I will!" replied Brasser, and he blazed away and tore out nearly all the under sash.

The boys up stairs uttered a yell and a groan, and Brasser jumped for the window to see if the man was down. He wasn't. He stood right there, and he made a leap at Brasser.

'He's comin' in! Per-lice!—boys!—ho! p-e-r-l-i-c-e-!' roared the old man.

The tattered curtain permitted Mrs. Brasser to catch sight of a man jumping up and down, and she yelled:

'Theodorius, I'm goin' to faint!'

'Faint and be darned!—boys!—perlice!' he replied, walloping the sheet iron stove with the poker.

'Don't you dare talk that way to me!' shrieked the old woman, recovering from her desire to faint.

'Po-lece!—po-lece!' now came from the boys upstairs, and while one continued to shout, the other drew the "man" up, tore him limb from limb, and secreted the pieces.

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